

**BLAINE INVINCIBLES.**

**Col. Perry H. Carson's Noted Organization Celebrates its Silver Anniversary in Baltimore**

Baltimore, Md., Special.—On Sunday at 3:30 o'clock p. m., the Blaine Invincible Club, of Washington, D. C., arrived in Baltimore and found awaiting them at the Camden station Hon. Hiram Walty, member of the Common Council of Baltimore; Hon. Harry S. Cummings, ex-member of Council; Hon. James P. Bias and his famous club, the Coronella Assembly, and the trustees of Ebenezer A. M. E. church. The depot was crowded with persons of both races, all eager to see the Invincibles and their noted president, Col. Perry H. Carson. It was a scene to note the two clubs as they proudly marched through the streets en route to Ebenezer church, where they had their twenty-fifth anniversary sermon preached. The church was most tastefully decorated and crowded from pit to dome. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Mossell, delivered an excel-



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lent discourse from Acts, 10:34—"God is no respecter of persons." The choir furnished some very sweet music.

Colonel Carson then spoke on his early life in this, his old home, Baltimore. How he left, etc. He then asked for a liberal contribution for the church. Mrs. Julia Mason Layton was introduced and spoke on the good work accomplished by the Blaine Invincible Club and their efficient leader, Colonel Carson, whom they had recently elected president for life.

After the collection was over, and the big-hearted Invincibles and their friends had given their dollars for "the cause," the following officers were introduced by the president: Messrs. J. W. Jackson, Leroy Harvey, J. L. Thomas, financial secretary, first vice-president, and second vice-president, respectively; C. W. Scott, recording secretary; L. G. Fletcher, corresponding secretary; H. M. Armstead, treasurer; J. M. Matthews, sergeant at arms; P. H. Carson, assistant sergeant at arms; Dr. R. L. Gaines, physician; A. L. Johnson, attorney; J. W. Bell, assistant attorney; J. H. Gordon, chaplain; P. R. Harvey, chairman of executive board; J. H. Hucless, secretary.

Hon. Jno. C. Dancy was next on the program. His address, "Determination and Pluck," was a masterpiece. He cited Col. Perry Carson as a living and worthy example of his subject. Prof. John T. Layton then rendered a solo, "Redemption," in a very acceptable manner, and it was received with applause. Next a letter from Dr. William Tindall, secretary of the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia, bearing on the capable service rendered by Col. Carson as a district officer and faithful party leader, was read. Mrs. Etta Webster, Lawyer Reuben S. Smith and Hon. Hiram Walty made excellent addresses.

At the close of the program Mr. Jeremiah Stafford, of Baltimore, presented a handsome bouquet from the friends of that city to Col. P. H. Carson. Mr. J. Bell, in behalf of the club, thanked the loyal people for the tribute tendered their honored leader.

Miss Mattie Bowen made a splendid talk and presented a lovely bouquet to Mr. James P. Bias, of Baltimore. He responded in a very neat speech.

The following resolution, offered by Frank Wells, was enthusiastically adopted:

Whereas, The pastor, members of the

choir and citizens of Baltimore, Md., have assembled here to witness the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Blaine Invincible Republican Club; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the officers, members and friends of the Blaine Invincible Republican Club, tender a vote of thanks to the pastor, members and friends for the grand reception they have given us, and be it

Resolved, That we, the officers, members and friends of the Blaine Invincible Republican Club, tender a vote of thanks to the pastor for his eloquent and inspiring sermon. Be it further

Resolved, That we, the officers, members and friends of the Blaine Invincible Republican Club also tender a vote of thanks to the trustees for their kindness and to the choir for the delightful music they have rendered to-day.

The club was accompanied by a large number of their friends and the Ladies' Auxiliary. It was truly a silver anniversary. Lieut. R. E. Toomey, the poet, and Dr. E. D. Williston were among the throng.

To show to the people of Washington that the Blaine Invincible Club is still alive, they celebrated the Emancipation Day (16th of April) by giving a grand levee and reception at their new headquarters, Pennsylvania avenue, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, Northwest. Addresses were made by Col. P. H. Carson, J. W. Bell and others.

**Happenings at Hartford.**

[Crowded out last week]

Hartford, Conn., Special.—The funeral of Mrs. Nellie Francis Collins, wife of Wm. E. Collins, who died on Wednesday last, after an illness of four months, was attended at her late residence on Friday afternoon. Rev. Robt. F. Wheeler, pastor of the Talcott Street Congregational Church, of which the deceased was a member, conducted the services. A quartet composed of Misses Miner and Lane, Messrs. Plato and Lane sang "Abide With Me" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The floral offerings were many and beautiful. The bearers were Messrs. P. C. Lane, I. Evans, R. Snyder, H. Plato, Wm. Diggs and J. A. Morris. The burial was in the Old North Cemetery. Besides her husband, Mrs. Collins leaves a son aged 20 months, her mother, Mrs. Francis Williams, two sisters, the Misses Estelle and Effie Francis, and her grandmother, Mrs. Anna Mason.

The four nights' entertainment at the A. M. E. Zion Church was not as successful financially as the pastor and members hoped for, owing to the inclement weather, and, I might say, Democratic weather, for Monday, April 7th, the Democratic party was victorious and elected J. A. Sullivan, mayor of the city of Hartford, and it rained for a whole week after. Four excellent programs were rendered during the four nights.

On the 21st of this month Rev. J. Ed. Mason will lecture at the A. M. E. Zion Church, and the famous jubilee singers of Youngston College of Salisbury, N. C., will present a musical program.

Sunday Rev. J. Sulla Cooper, pastor, preached a very able sermon in the morning. Rev. Dr. Blake, former pastor of First Methodist Church, addressed a large congregation in the evening. Dr. Blake has been transferred to the Trinity Methodist Church, of Pittsburg, Pa. Rev. J. L. Davis, of High Point, N. C., who has been in the city for the past two weeks, left last Friday for Providence, R. I.

Celestial Lodge No. 2093 and the House of Ruth No. 214, G. U. O. of O. F., will give a grand social and entertainment at Germania Hall May 20.

Rev. G. W. Tyler, former pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, has accepted a call from the White Plains, N. Y., Baptist church. Members and friends of his former charge tendered Rev. Tyler and wife a reception Thursday evening.

**Howard Orphan Asylum.**

Rev. W. F. Johnson, superintendent and general agent of the Howard Colored Orphan Asylum at Brooklyn, N. Y., was in the city last week visiting his daughter, Mrs. Florence A. Lester, 2119 K street northwest. The Howard Asylum is located at the corner of Dean street and Troy avenue, Brooklyn, and is a well-equipped structure. The institution was organized in 1866 and incorporated in 1868.

**METHODISTS IN SESSION.**

**The Wedding Bells and Funeral Knells Social Doings in Quakerdom**

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.—The Delaware Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, made up of portions of neighboring districts, has been in session at the Jones A. M. E. Church, Haines street, Germantown, pastor Rev. Cotton, for the past week. The sessions were very interesting and many delegates were present. Four students were made elders, with the power to preach during their fourth year studies. They were David H. Hargis, Atlantic City, N. J.; J. O. Parker, Chincoteague, Va.; Storer S. Jelly, Chester, Pa., and Fred A. Cullen, Catlin, Md.

Announcement cards have been received from Mr. Henry N. Jones, announcing the marriage of his daughter, Anna C., to Mr. Andrew J. Manley, on Wednesday, April 9th. The marriage ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the Cherry Street Church, by Rev. Credist. Mr. and Mrs. Manley spent their honeymoon in New York. They will be at home, 1723 Bainbridge street, on April 20th.

The funeral of Miss Inez Mortimer was held at St. Thomas church on last Saturday. The deceased was a member of that church and an active worker in its various guilds, and for many years a teacher in the Sunday school.

The second of a series of home musicales was given at the home of Miss Charlotte Brown, South Twelfth street, on last Thursday, the first being held at the Misses Walker, two weeks previous. Mr. Haston, the Philadelphia baritone singer, rendered several very fine selections and the piano solos by Miss Cottman, together with the "Storm," by Mr. Hurlong, won the applause of all present. Among those present were Misses Charlotte Brown, Letitia Cottman, Maebelle and Lela Walker, Mamie Beckett, Lucretia Parlor and Miss Armstead; Messrs. Edward Lovett, Alton Smith, Wendell Cornish, Campbell Beckett, Mr. Hurlong, Drs. Bailey, Beckett and Boyer.

The last of the organ recitals given for the Crucifixion P. E. Church at All Saints P. E. Church, was last Sunday. Mr. Robinson was assisted by Mr. Edward B. Webster, tenor. The music was very fine and the recital was well attended.

Miss Eva Bones, of Atlanta, Ga., is in the city visiting friends.

**WIZARD DID NOT BUY.**

**Report of the Purchase of a Summer Home Near Boston Denied by the Famous Educator**

Brocton, Mass., Special.—Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, has purchased for a summer home the historical old Tirrell Mansion, near Columbian Square, South Weymouth. The building is an old Colonial affair, roomy and comfortable, and has been a landmark for many years. With it is a large tract of land. The place, by the way, is an ancestral home of Congressman Charles I. Terrell. The papers were passed on Saturday, when the first announcement that the deal was on was made to the public. While a few narrow-minded persons have muttered complaint that a Negro should acquire so handsome a property, Mr. Washington's exalted standing as an educator and citizen, overtops all reasonable objection, and there is no doubt that the family will be warmly welcomed into the neighborhood, one of the most aristocratic settlements in all the country. The Tuskegeean has always liked Boston and its people, and he has frequently stated that he regarded the locality as the abiding place of the Nation's conscience.

[Since the above was written word has come from Mr. Washington that the reported purchase has no foundation in fact. How the story came to be told is unknown.]

The Legislature of Maryland has passed a bill admitting women lawyers to the bar. No one is to be denied admission to the bar "on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

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